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FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BUCHAREST 5611

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CVIS, SHUM, RO  
SUBJECT: MORE ON ROMANIAN PASSPORT DISSIDENTS

REF: (A) BUCHAREST 5452 (NOTAL), (B) BUCHAREST 5086

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER PASSPORT DISSIDENT PROTEST  
ATTEMPTS INVOLVING EMBASSY SINCE EVENTS REPORTED IN REF A.  
FOLLOW-UP REPORTS ON RECENT OCCURRENCES INVOLVING GROUPS WHO  
PREVIOUSLY ATTEMPTED SUCH ACTION MAY, HOWEVER, BE OF  
INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES.

2. THE GROUP LED BY CONSTANTIN ADAM (BUCHAREST 4854 AND 4927)  
REPORTED THAT DURING LAST WEEK IN JULY, THE GROUP WAS  
ASSEMBLED BY MILITIA AT PASSPORT OFFICE AND TOLD  
THEIR CASES WOULD ALL BE CONSIDERED AND RESOLVED IN SOME  
MANNER. THEY WERE TOLD TO COLLECT NECESSARY DOCUMENTS  
FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AND PARTY OFFICES FOR THEIR PASSPORT  
APPLICATIONS, AND, ABOVE ALL, TO STAY QUIET AND NOT  
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CREATE ANY MORE PROBLEMS. APPARENTLY ONE GROUP OF THREE,  
VIRGIL NITESCU, AUERLIA STANESCU AND ONE GEORGE PISLA  
(WHO IS UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY) WERE UNABLE TO GET CERTAIN  
DOCUMENTS AT LOCAL PARTY OFFICE IN BUCHAREST SECTOR 8  
DUE TO SOMEONE'S BEING ON VACATION. THEY WERE TOLD THAT  
NO ONE ELSE COULD HELP THEM, AT WHICH POINT AN ARGUMENT  
BEGAN, MILITIA WAS CALLED, AND THERE WERE TAKEN AWAY. IT

APPEARS THEY WERE DETAINED ON JULY 24 AND RELEASED ON JULY 26. WHILE IN DETENTION, MISS STANESCU, WHO WAS THREE MONTHS PREGNANT, SUFFERED A MISCARRIAGE AND WAS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT. GROUP MEMBERS WHO REPORTED THIS DID NOT ATTRIBUTE MISCARRIAGE TO ABUSE OF MISS STANESCU, WHO IS ENGAGED TO FORMER FRENCH EMBASSY STAFF MEMBER, ONE FRANCOIS GAUSE, NOW IN FRANCE. (THEIR MARRIAGE APPLICATION IS PENDING BEFORE COUCIL OF STATE.) NITESCU TOLD EMBASSY THE THREE WERE TO BE TAKEN BEFORE LOCAL COURT BECAUSE THEY HAD NO JOBS, AND WOULD RECEIVE COURT ASSIGNMENT TO MANUAL LABOR JOBS.

3. MIRCEA MELEASA, WHO WAS MEMBER OF GROUP MENTIONED IN BUCHAREST 4927, WITH OVER TEN CONGRESSIONAL PERSONALITIES INTERESTED IN HIS CASE, APPEARED AT EMBASSY AUGUST 1 WITH TOURIST PASSPORT AND APPLIED FOR B-2 VISA. AFTER LONG INTERVIEW WITH APPLICANT, CONOFF DETERMINED MELEASA WAS QUALIFIED FOR VISA, WHICH WAS ISSUED.

4. ON AUGUST 7, EVA VISAN, WIFE OF CORNEL VISAN (BUCHAREST 5452) VISITED EMBASSY TO INQUIRE AS TO WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HER HUSBAND. SHE WAS TOTALLY UNAWARE HE HAD VISITED EMBASSY AND NEW NOTHING OF EVENTS OF AUGUST 3. SHE STATED THAT MILITIA HAD BROUGHT HER TWO DAUGHTERS HOME WITHOUT EXPLANATION AS TO HER HUSBAND'S WHEREABOUTS. CONOFF EXPLAINED TO MRS. VISAN WHAT HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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HAPPENED AND EMPHASIZED THAT EMBASSY HAD NO COMPLAINT AGAINST HER HUSBAND AND HAD NOT LODGED A PROTEST WITH THE ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES. MRS. VISAN THANKED CONOFF FOR INFORMATION AND SAID SHE WOULD GO TO THE MILITIA AND ASK TO BE INFORMED ABOUT HER HUSBAND'S CASE.

5. MESSRS. ALEXANDRESCU AND GANEA AND WIVES (SEE REF B) CAME TO EMBASSY AUGUST 9 TO TALK WITH DCM. UPON THEIR RELEASE FROM ONE-MONTH PRISON SENTENCES, THE TWO MEN WERE TAKEN ASIDE BY MILITIA AND TOLD THAT THEIR CASES WOULD BE RESOLVED AND THAT THEY SHOULD SIT QUIET AND NOT CAUSE ANY MORE TROUBLE. THEY WERE LATER VISITED AT THEIR HOMES BY SECURITATE LT. COLONEL WHO TOLD THEM BASICALLY THE SAME THING. EMBASSY IS MILDLY OPTIMISTIC THEY WILL SOON RECEIVE PASSPORTS AND EXIT VISAS.

6. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS REGARDING DISSIDENT GROUPS IN TIMOSOARA (BUCHAREST 5086, PARA 2) AND ARAD (BUCHAREST 5190) IN LAST TWO WEEKS. ARAD GROUP CALLED TO NOTIFY EMBASSY IT WAS STAGING A HUNGER STRIKE IN CONTINUATION OF ITS ATTEMPTS TO GET PASSPORTS. MOTHER OF TIMISOARA GROUP MEMBER CALLED AUGUST 7 AND 8 TO

INFORM EMBASSY GROUP HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND WOULD BE SENTENCED TO FIVE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, ALTHOUGH SHE DID NOT KNOW ON WHAT CHARGE. SHE ASKED IF EMBASSY COULD DO ANYTHING TO HEOP AND CONOFF TOLD HER THAT AS ONE MEMBER OF THE GROUP, MATEI EBINGER, WAS POSSIBLY A US CITIZEN, THE EMBASSY WOULD INTERVENE ON HIS BEHALF IF HIS CITIZENSHIP CLAIM WAS ESTABLISHED, AND THAT PERHAPS AT THAT TIME WE COULD BRING UP CASES OF OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP. (NOTE: IT WILL BE SOME MONTHS YET BEFORE CITIZENSHIP CLAIM IS PROCESSED, AS EMBASSY IS WAITING FOR SEARCH OF MICHIGAN BIRTH RECORDS TO DOCUMENT CASE. THE SOONEST CLAIM IS ESTABLISHED, THE SOONER EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE TO INTERVENE ON EBINGER'S BEHALF, WITH SOME POSSIBLE BENEFICIAL SPILLOVER FOR GROUP AS WHOLE.)  
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7. DCM WAS TOLD BY POLISH DCM AUGUST 9 THAT STORY CIRCULATING IN BUCHAREST REGARDING EVENTS OF AUGUST 3 IS THAT A MAN BURNED TO DEATH AFTER SETTING FIRE TO HIMSELF IN CONSULAR WAITING ROOM, AND THAT AMBASSADOR HAD LOGED A STIFF PROTEST WITH ROMANIAN MFA ON GROUNDS THAT INCIDENT WOULD HARM US-ROMANIAN RELATIONS. DCM DISABUSED HIM; POLE REPLIED HE HAD DOUBTED REPORT HIMSELF, SINCE IT WAS ILLOGICAL, BUT RUMORS ARE THAT WAY.  
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